

Officers' Quarters - Building E
Fort Laramie, Wyoming

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CUSTODIAN

United States
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DATE OF ERECTION

Erected in 1876 as living quarters for two families.

BUILDER

Designed and built by Engineering Department of U. S. Army.

PRESENT CONDITION

This building is in fair condition. The exterior walls have only a few small cracks. The foundation, although only extending approximately 1'6" below grade, has not settled enough to cause damage. Doors, windows, cornice and exterior trim have weathered considerably because of lack of paint. The roof leaks in places. A new shingle roof will be needed soon to prevent further damage to the interior. The tops of some chimneys have fallen down. The floors are in fair condition although they show considerable wear in places. Plaster has fallen off ceiling in many places due to roof leaking. Interior wood work is in fairly good condition. The plaster walls have a few cracks and are very dirty.

NUMBER OF STORIES

The front portion is two stories (or sometimes called one and one-half stories). The rear portion is of one story.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

The footings and exterior walls, approximately 19-inches thick, are of lime concrete construction (a lime, gravel and water mixture of the desired proportions, poured into forms to set). Nailing blocks were put in where desired for trim, windows, etc.

The exterior walls are plastered on outside with a white sand finish plaster approximately 3/4-inch thick.

The roof and dormer are of frame construction, shingles are 4/2 - 16" over 1" sheathing.

Flooring is of 1" tongue and groove soft wood, with approximately 5 1/8" face.

Interior walls are of smooth finish plaster on wood lath. Exterior walls are of smooth finish plaster directly on lime concrete walls.

Painting and Finish (Interior)

Stair Hall No. 1, 1st Floor: The doors, baseboard, trim, etc. are painted dark brown. Walls and ceiling are pale green with a 3'4" wainscot in front half of hall which carries up the stairway.

Stair Hall No. 2, 1st Floor: All wood-work is painted maroon. Walls and ceiling are light brown.

Room No. 3: All wood-work is painted a dark brown. Walls are brown up to picture moulding. There is a 14" blue border between picture moulding and ceiling. The picture moulding is gold. Ceiling is dark gray.

Rooms No. 4 and No. 6: All wood-work including corner cupboard is painted light brown. Walls and ceiling are light blue.

Room No. 5: All wood-work is painted a dark brown. Walls are blue up to picture moulding. Ceiling and walls down to picture moulding are yellow green.

Room No. 7: Wood-work is painted light brown. Walls are yellow with a 12" blue border. There is no picture moulding. The ceiling is blue.

Rooms No. 8 and 10: Wood-work is painted maroon. Walls and ceiling are gray.

Room No. 9: Wood-work is painted light brown. Walls are blue with a 12" yellow border. No picture moulding. Ceiling is yellow.

Hall No. 1, 2nd Floor: Wood-work is dark brown. Walls and ceiling are cream.

Hall No. 2, 2nd Floor: Wood-work is light brown. Walls and ceiling are pale blue.

Room No. 11: Wood-work is brown. Walls and ceiling are pink.

Room No. 12: Wood-work is dark green. Walls and ceiling are blue.

Room No. 13: Wood-work is brown. Walls and ceiling are pale green.

Room No. 14: Wood-work is light brown. Walls and ceiling are pale blue.

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